

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Board Members in Attendance

Sunshine Szedeli
Dana Dmitrich
Mindy Canova
Kim Sorensen

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order by Sunshine at 5:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dana made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mindy seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sean Bergstrom was in attendance. He had concerns and comments on how the Recreation department is being ran. The board listened and Kim said he would approach the recreation department with the concerns.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Kim announced the master plan survey will be ending May 12th. Currently they have a little over 1300 responses. MIG says the average of numbers they usually receive is 500-600, so they are excited with the numbers they have. Once the survey closes, they will gather all the information and put it together. Then they will send staff into town June 19-20 to meet and discuss the results. They will host pop-up events, in which they will take the information from the online survey and have people vote accordingly. We were supposed to have a public meeting, but they are recommending that because we had such a good response with the online survey they don't feel the need to hold a public meeting. Instead, they would like to do another online email survey, as that tends to reach more people.

BUDGET

Kim informed the board that they had the Council budget meeting last night and adopted a tentative budget in which there were no changes from what he discussed with the board at the last meeting. Next there will be a public meeting to hear any public comments on the budget and then, barring any

changes, they will finalize and approve the budget as it is. The biggest addition for Parks is there is allotted \$2.0mil for pavilion remodels.

PROJECTS

- One of the playgrounds at Willow Pond was completed and now they are still just waiting for weather to cooperate to lay the port-in-place finish the other playground.
- The bridge that is going into the new development is in.
- Softball field lights are in and working and the staff, participants and players love them.
- The cemetery is struggling to get the contractor who bid on the niche project to sign the agreement. They are still working on that.
- Kim showed the board some ideas with names and logos for the pavilions and asked the board their opinions. They will continue to discuss and come up with names they think the pavilions should be called.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Kim announced they have two employees that will be leaving the City. Don Smith, maintenance manager at the Senior Recreation Center, will be retiring in July. His job posting will change and become a facilities maintenance supervisor and will help with all buildings in the City. They will hire a part time person to take care of the facility. Janalee Matheson, Office Admin Supervisor for Parks & Recreation, will be moving to the Chicago area with her husband who took a job out there. We have enjoyed and appreciated both employees and wish them the best.

QUESTIONS

There was a question about dogs on leash signs posted at parks. There have been so many more dogs off leash lately and citizens are getting nervous and concerned about that. Kim stated that they are currently in the process of posting more signs around the parks and have advised staff, if they come across any off leash, to approach and inform the owners that all dogs need to be on leash.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to end the meeting. Motion was unanimous.